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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOC POSITION ON BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH GOC HAS RELEASED NOTHING ON SUBJECT, WEEKEND SANTIAGO PRESS HAS HEADLINED NEWS OF CHILEAN PROPOSAL TO BOLIVIA GRANTING CORRIDOR TO SEA ALONG CHILE-PERU BORDER, IN RETURN FOR TERRITORIAL COMPENSATION EAST OF ANTOFAGASTA-ATACAMA AREA. THOUGH BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GUTIERREZ IS HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC, IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY ASSURANCE OF A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT AIRPORT ENROUTE TO LA PAZ DECEMBER 20, BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN CHILE GUILLERMO GUTIERREZ CONFIRMED TO POPPER THAT HE WAS TAKING HOME FORMAL CHILEAN PROPOSAL TO CEDE TO BOLIVIA STRIP OF TERRITORY ALONG CHILE-PERU FRONTIER AS OUTLET TO SEA, IN RETURN FOR SOUTHWESTERN BOLIVIAN TERRITORY SOMEWHERE EAST OF ANTOFAGASTA-ATACAMA. JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY ALSO  
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CONFIRMED THAT CHILEAN POSITION WAS GENERALLY AS STATED

IN PRESS, THOUGH HE THOUGHT PRESS WAS EXAGGERATING  
AMOUNT OF TERRITORY CHILE WOULD OBTAIN FROM BOLIVIAN  
GOVERNMENT.

3. THUS IT IS APPARENT THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAS TAKEN  
A MAJOR STEP TOWARD MEETING BOLIVIAN DESIRES FOR AN OUTLET  
TO THE SEA, DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM CHILEAN NAVY AND  
AIR FORCE ELEMENTS TO ANY RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILEAN  
TERRITORY. NEVERTHELESS, IF WHAT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY  
INSPIRED NEWS ARTICLES ARE READ CAREFULLY, IT BECOMES CLEAR  
THAT MAJOR OBSTACLES STILL REMAIN TO CONSUMMATION OF AGREEMENT.  
FIRST, IT APPEARS THAT PRECISE BOUNDARIES OF TERRITORIES TO  
BE EXCHANGED REMAIN TO BE FIXED. SECOND, CHILEANS HAVE  
MADE SERIES OF COLLATERAL DEMANDS WHICH MAY CAUSE  
DIFFICULTIES: REQUIREMENT FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF  
TERRITORY BOLIVIANS WOULD OBTAIN; REQUIREMENT TO CONSTRUCT  
FOR CHILE A NEW AIRPORT SOUTH OF ARICA; REQUIREMENT THAT  
LONG-STANDING DISPUTE OVER USE OF WATERS OF RIVER LAUCA  
BE RESOLVED IN CHILE'S FAVOR; REQUIREMENT THAT TERRITORY  
TO BE TURNED OVER TO CHILE INCLUDE WATER RESOURCES FOR USE  
BY CHILEAN COPPER MINES AND FARMER IN CALAMA AREA; AND FINALLY,  
OTHER INDICATIONS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COSTS WHICH COULD  
BE BURDENSOME TO BOLIVIA. THIRD, PRECISE ROLE OF OAS AND UN  
MUST BE DETERMINED.

4. OVERSHADOWING THE FOREGOING, GOC RECOGNIZES REQUIREMENT  
FOR PERUVIAN ASSENT TO ANY ALIENATION OF ITS NORTHERN TERRI-  
TORIES. PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO HAS LIMITED HIMSELF  
TO STATEMENT THAT GOP WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY CHILEAN PROPOSAL.

5. ASSUMING PERU AVOIDS AN OUTRIGHT NEGATIVE STANCE,  
WE WOULD ANTICIPATE A PERIOD OF ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS  
EXTENDING OVER SOME MONTHS AT LEAST. WHILE BOTH BOLIVIAN  
AND CHILE HAVE THEIR OWN REASONS FOR DESIRING A SUCCESSFUL  
OUTCOME, A GOOD DEAL OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE.

6. SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS SEPT-EL.  
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